Conversion of airstrip at Karwar into a full fledged International Airport

2815. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposal from the State Government of Karnataka to convert the proposed airstrip at the Karwar Naval base into a full-fledged international airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Sea-Bird plan includes building of an airstrip;

(c) whether the required land for the purpose has been acquired; and

(d) by when, the final approval will be accorded in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected.

Ahmedabad-New York Air Service

†2816. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India plans to start a direct flight from Ahmedabad to New York on all the seven days of the week;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Air India, however, operates 7 weekly services from Ahmedabad to New York *via* Mumbai. All frontier formalities are completed in Ahmedabad and there is a seamless transfer of passengers with a change in aircraft at Mumbai.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.